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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EINV, ENRG, TD
SUBJECT: EXPLOSION AT TEXACO REFINERY

1. EARLY MORNING OF FEBRUARY 1, EXPLOSION OCCURRED
AT TEXACO REFINERY AT POINTE-A-PIERRE, APPARENTLY CAUSED
BY FAILURE OF HIGH PRESSURE HEAT TRANSFER LINE ON A
FYDRO TREATER UNIT. EXPLOSION WAS FELT AT NEARBY CITY
OF SAN FERNANDO, AND THERE WAS A FLASH FIRE WHICH WAS
HIGHLY VISABLE, BUT RESULTING DAMAGE WAS APPARENTLY MINOR.
2. NINE PERSONS SUFFERED SUPERFICIAL INJURIES, AND
FOUR OTHERS RECEIVED SURFACE BURNS. THERE WERE NO DEATHS.
IT APPEARS NONE OF INJURED WERE U.S. CITIZENS. A
HOSPITAL IS LOCATED ON THE REFINERY GROUNDS.
3. REFINERY WAS PROMPTLY VISIT BY MINISTER OF
PETROLEUM AND MINES, WHO APPOOINTED A COMMISSION OF INQUIREY
AS IS CUSTOMARY IN THESE MATTERS. THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE
WILL ALSO CONDUCT AN EXAMINATION OF THE PLANT.
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